

Emergency Action Plan



Citizens are urged to contact emergency officials **only** for "emergency" situations.

ROAD CONDITIONS:

Please do not call 911 or the Highway Patrol for road conditions. Lines must remain clear for emergency calls.



To check road conditions, visit www.ncdot.org



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Please do not call 911 to report power outages.

Contact your power company's outage reporting line directly:



Duke Energy at 1-800-POWERON



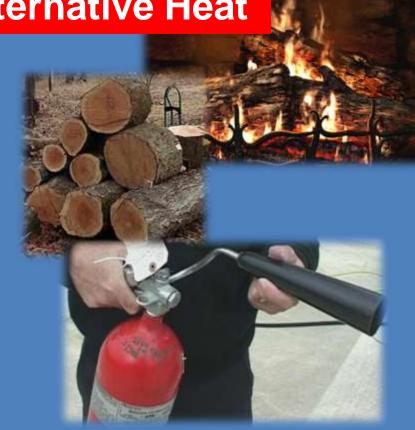
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Prepare alternative heat sources:

If you have a fireplace, store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood

Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure your family knows how to use them





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Winter Safety Tips – Alternative Heat

Properly <u>vent</u> kerosene heaters and keep any electric generators OUTSIDE and away from any open windows or doors to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

Also, do not burn charcoal indoors. Carbon monoxide poisoning can result from charcoal fumes indoors.







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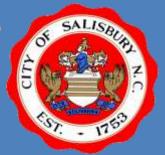
Keep fresh batteries on hand to use with flashlights and weather radios

Always keep at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food in your home





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Winter Safety Tips – Dress for Warmth

Wear multiple layers of thin clothing instead of a single layer of thick clothing

You will be warmer and, as the temperature changes, you can easily remove layers to remain comfortable





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Winter Safety Tips – Travel Preparedness

If you must travel during a winter storm, store an emergency kit in your vehicle that includes:

- Blankets
- Battery-powered radio & extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Battery booster cables and flares
- Tire repair kit & pump
- Road map
- Sack of cat litter (tire traction)
- Tow rope

- Bottled water
- •Non-perishable high-energy foods, such as granola bars
- Extra clothing
- Windshield scraper & brush





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Winter Safety Tips – Travel Preparedness

If driving on snow or ice covered roadways, <u>reduce</u> <u>your speed</u>

Driving at the regular speed limit will reduce your ability to control the car if you begin to slide.

Leave plenty of room between you and other vehicles



Drive SLOW



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Winter Safety Tips – Travel Preparedness

If conditions worsen and you can no longer drive safely, pull off the highway. Stay calm and remain in your vehicle

Do not set out on foot unless you can see a building close by where you know you can take shelter.





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In the Event of a POWER Outage

Do <u>not</u> use charcoal grills or generators indoors

Turn off electrical appliances that were on when the power went off to avoid a power surge when the electricity is restored

Use flashlights. Do <u>not</u> use candles; they greatly increase the chance of having a fire in your home







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In the Event of a POWER Outage

Limit your activities to no more than two rooms and close off unneeded rooms

Stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors and cover windows at night

Remember to eat and drink regularly. Food provides the body with energy to produce its own heat

Keep the body replenished with fluids to prevent dehydration





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In the Event of a POWER Outage

Wear layers of loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing.

Layering clothes keeps you warmer than a single layer of heavy clothing.

Remove layers to avoid overheating, perspiration, and subsequent chill.





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Reporting a POWER Outage

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